डालर, यू०के० पौंड, ड्यूश मार्क और फ्रेंच फ्रांक की तुलना में रुपए का अवमूल्यन हुआ है। भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक अल्पावधि में विदेशी मुद्रा बाजार की सुव्यवस्थित दशाओं को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सट्टेबाजी संबंधी दबाव पर प्रभावशाली नियंत्रण करने हेतु जब कभी भी आवश्यक हो, बाजार में हस्तक्षेप करता है। दीर्घावधिक उपायों में वृहत आर्थिक स्थिरता को बढ़ावा देना, उत्पादन और उत्पादकता में तीव्र वृद्धि, भुगतान संतुलन की स्थिति संबंधी घटनाक्रम की नियमित मॉनीटरिंग करना तथा चालू खाता घाटे को वहनीय स्तरों पर रखने के लिए उपयुक्त नीतिगत उपाय करना तथा पूंजी अन्तःप्रवाहों का प्रबन्धन शामिल है।

Takeover of Indian Companies

3793. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Indian Companies taken over by the Multi-national Companies since 1995 and the amount involved in the takeover;

(b) whether Government have assessed the impact of these takeover; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Financial Support to Prasar Bharati

3794. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will continue its financial support to the 'Prasar Bharati' without monitoring its performance in the greater national interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have set any deadline for framing its own rules, regulations and staff policy by the Prasar Bharati Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Budgetary support to Prasar Bharati is being provided to meet its expenditure after due scrutiny and examination of its various requirements. The Prasar Bharati Act as it exists does not provide for any day to day monitoring. However, Prasar Bharati are subject to the usual monitoring and review of relevant Parliament Committee and audit.

(c) and (d) Action has been initiated in this regard both by the Government as well as Prasar Bharati.

Proposals for Programmes on Second Channel of Doordarshan

3795. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the proposals to use the second channel of Doordarshan exclusively for the telecast of the programmes of the States;

(b) whether Government will consider such a suggestion;

(c) which are the States which gave representations for starting second channel; and

(d) the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) While there is no proposal to use Second Channel of Doordarshan exclusively for telecast of the programmes of the States, all Doordarshan Kendras originate programmes in their respective Regional Language between 14.30 hrs. to 20.30 hrs. (very recently this has been increased by two hours in each Kendra of Doordarshan). Regional Service gives a complete package of programmes to viewers in each language of the State. Besides this, regional programmes are